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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 1751

E.O. 11652 GDS 2
TAGS PINT, SHUM, AR
SUBJECT ASYLUM REQUEST: IGNACIO JESUS CIALCETA

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1. IGNACIO JESUS CIALCETA CAME TO EMBASSY MID DAY
MARCH 7 ASKING TO BE GIVEN REFUGE FROM SECURITY
OFFICIALS HE SAID WERE PURSUING HIM, AND ASKING
THAT EMBASSY PROVIDE HIM WITH PROTECTION AGAINST
FUTURE THREATS AGAINST HIM.

2. CIALCETA, WHO WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 13, 1919,
IS A RETIRED LT COL OF THE ARMY WHO CLAIMED TO
HAVE BEEN IN DISFAVOR SINCE SHORTLY AFTER CURRENT
RULING JUNTA TOOK OVER IN MARCH 1976. CIALCETA
CLAIMED TO BE A SECOND COUSIN OF FORMER PRESIDENT PERON--
AN ASSERTION BORNE OUT BY EMBASSY BIOGRAPHIC FILES.

3. BRIEFLY, CIALCETA CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN SERVING
IN ROSARIO AT THE TIME OF THE 1976 COUP WITH THE
STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INTELLIGENCE (SIDE). HE
CLAIMS TO HAVE DISMISSED AND MARKED FOR HARASSMENT
OR WORSE WHEN HE COMPLAINED THAT SECURITY OFFICIALS WERE
ABUSING THEIR INVESTIGATIVE POWERS AND, FAILING TO FIND
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SUBVERSIVES, SETTLED FOR RICH PEOPLE WHO COULD BE
THREATENED IN RETURN FOR PAYMENTS. CIALCETA CLAIMED HIS
DAUGHTER HAD BEEN MURDERED AS BOTH THREAT AND PUNISHMENT
TO HIMSELF.

4. CIALCETA FIRST WAS RECEIVED BY ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE
AND LATER TALKED FOR ONE HOUR WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR.

DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEW CIALCETA DESCRIBED A LIFETIME OF PERSECUTION AT ONE HAND OR ANOTHER, AND RECOUNTED AT GREAT LENGTH HOW AS A CHILD HIS DAUGHTER HAD BEEN "STOLEN" BY CIALCETAS FORMER WIFE. THOUGH WE COULD NOT DISMISS THE SERIOUSNESS OF LT COL CIALCETA FEARS, HE DEMONSTRATED SUFFICIENT MENTAL IMBALANCE FOR US TO QUESTION THE IMMEDIACY OF HIS DANGER.

5. LT COL CIALCETA AT LAST LEFT THE EMBASSY AT HIS OWN DECISION LATE DURING THE AFTERNOON.
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